



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

WATANABE et al

) Examiner: Valencia, Daniel

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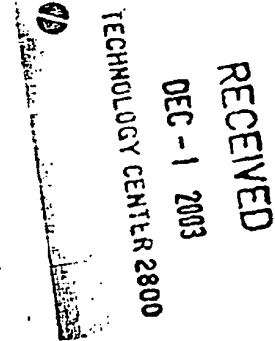
For: OPTICAL FIBER ATTENUATOR
WITH ATTENUATING DOPANT
LIMITED TO A CENTRAL OR
PERIPHERAL AREA OF THE
FIBER CORE

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 14501
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Sir:

Responsive to the "final" action of July 25, 2003, please amend the captioned application
as follows:



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